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Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 129 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/59/531.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 55th and 57th meetings, on 25 May and 8 June 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.55 and 57).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the budget of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004 (A/59/655);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/59/637);

(c) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/736 and Add.17).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.58

4. At its 57th meeting, on 8 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" (A/C.5/59/L.58), which was submitted by the representative of Guatemala, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.58 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration, the last of which was resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002, by which the mandate was extended until 20 May 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as of 20 May 2002 for an initial period of twelve months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the last of which was resolution 1573 (2004) of 16 November 2004, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of six months until 20 May 2005,

Recalling further its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and its subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, the latest of which was resolution 59/13 of 29 October 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission and to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to complete its administrative liquidation,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as at 15 April 2005, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 66.4 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member

[1] A/59/637 and A/59/655.
[2] A/59/736 and Add.17.

States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration and the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor the amount of 1,757,800 dollars, inclusive of 1,662,200 dollars for the administrative liquidation of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005, 78,200 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 17,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;

Financing of the appropriation

10. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 1,662,200 dollars for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

[3] A/59/736/Add.17.
[4] A/59/655.

11. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 119,400 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005;

12. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 78,200 dollars for the support account and the amount of 17,400 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005 and 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 12,400 dollars for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, comprising the prorated share of 11,000 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 1,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

14. *Decides further* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 18,065,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

15. *Decides* that for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 18,065,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

16. *Decides also* that the increase of 392,100 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 18,065,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 14 and 15 above;

17. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

19. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

20. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor".